

TSAC Update

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Chat Live with TSAC

TSAC introduced its new "live chat" function, featured on the agency's web site in mid-November. Now students and parents have the ability to ask questions and get answers in real time. TSAC is very proud to be the first state agency to offer a service such as this. This new feature works a lot like instant text messaging and has increased the ability and efficiency of our call center staff to assist Tennesseans in obtaining funding for higher education. Please feel free to check out TSAC's new "live chat" function by visiting www.CollegePaysTN.com and then clicking on the "live chat" button.



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The Amended Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Rules Approved

The Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship (TELS) Program Rules (revised) have been filed with the Secretary of State and are now effective. You may access these rules by going to the Secretary of State's website at the following link: www.state.tn.us/sos/rules/1640/1640-01-19.pdf. These rules were promulgated as public necessity rules to implement statutory changes to the Tennessee Education Lottery

Scholarship (TELS) Program required by Public Chapter No. 603 of the 2007 Tennessee Public Acts. Program award amounts were updated where necessary and other changes intended to facilitate administration of the TELS program were implemented including the removal of rule language that duplicated statutory language. Where duplication existed, the rules now cite the related statute. Other changes reflecting

minor policy and procedure changes include: a change to the reporting deadline for high schools to submit student information to postsecondary institutions; definitive requirements for the Tennessee Dual Enrollment Grant program; an alteration to the process in which awards made in error are addressed; and a policy to ensure that military mobilization of a

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College Goal Sunday 2008 Sites Finalized

The College Goal Sunday (CGS) sites have been finalized for February 10, 2008 and are listed below.

New brochures, posters, bookmarks and other CGS materials have been ordered. Delivery of materials to each site will begin in late January.

As always, your help is needed to make the CGS program successful. If you have any ideas or suggestions about how we can increase student and parent awareness of this program, please e-mail Darolyn Porter at darolyn.porter@state.tn.us

The 2008 CGS website will be

available December 7, 2007 at www.CollegeGoalSundayTN.org. Volunteers are encouraged to visit the website and register as soon as possible. Students and parents are also encouraged to visit the website and reserve their spot at a CGS site closest to where they live.

COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY 2008 SITE LOCATIONS

ATHENS

- ▶ TN Technology Center at Athens

BLOUNTVILLE

- ▶ Northeast State Community College

BRISTOL

- ▶ National College of Business & Technology

CHATTANOOGA

- ▶ Chattanooga State Tech Community College
- ▶ Chattanooga Urban League

CLARKSVILLE

- ▶ Austin Peay State University

CLEVELAND

- ▶ Cleveland State Community College

COLUMBIA

- ▶ Columbia State Community College

COOKEVILLE

- ▶ Tennessee Tech University

COVINGTON

- ▶ TN Technology Center at Covington

CRUMP

- ▶ TN Technology Center at Crump

DECATURVILLE

- ▶ Riverside High School

DYERSBURG

- ▶ Dyersburg State Community College

EVENSVILLE

- ▶ Rhea County High School

GALLATIN

- ▶ Volunteer State Community College

GREENEVILLE

- ▶ Tusculum College

HARROGATE

- ▶ Lincoln Memorial University

JACKSON

- ▶ TN Technology Center at Jackson

KNOXVILLE

- ▶ Pellissippi State Tech Community College

LEBANON

- ▶ Cumberland University

MCMINNVILLE

- ▶ TN Technology Center at McMinnville

MEMPHIS

- ▶ Lemoyne Owen College
- ▶ Southwest TN Community College - Macon Cove Campus
- ▶ TN Technology Center at Memphis
- ▶ White Station High School

MURFREESBORO

- ▶ Middle TN State University

NASHVILLE

- ▶ Nashville State Tech Community College
- ▶ Watkins College of Art & Design

OAK RIDGE

- ▶ Roane State Community College - Oak Ridge Campus

PARIS

- ▶ TN Technology Center at Paris

PULASKI

- ▶ Martin Methodist College

WAVERLY

- ▶ Nashville State Tech Community College - Waverly Campus

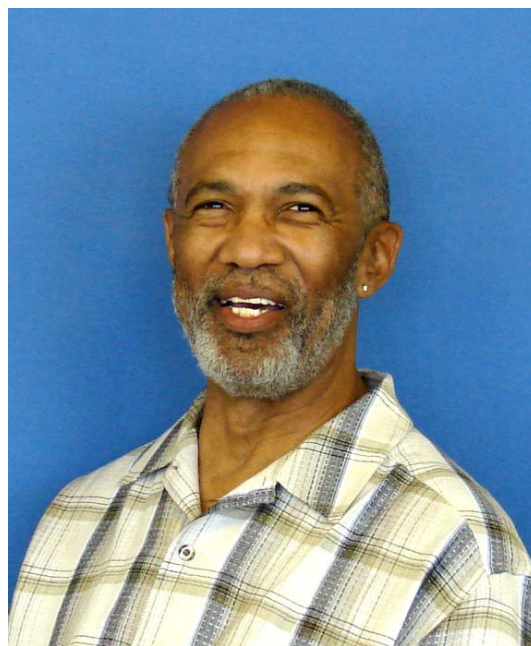
WHITEVILLE

- ▶ TN Technology Center at Whiteville

Meet Robert Warfield, TSAC's Information Specialist

Have you ever called TSAC and wondered who that helpful voice on the other end of the telephone line is? Robert Warfield is one of the most experienced and knowledgeable call center staff members as he has been a part of the TSAC family for over three years. This senior Information Specialist uses his helpful demeanor and reassuring voice to guide many parents, student and financial aid administrators through the process of obtaining funding for higher education.

Robert, his wife Doris, who just recently obtained her Masters, and their two children have called Nashville home for over 20 years. Though this Clarksville native planted roots in Nashville, he still enjoys those moments when he can indulge in his passion for travel. Robert takes pleasure in the smooth melody of jazz and the company of friends and family. Robert is an avid sports enthusiast who enjoys cheering for his favorite football or basketball team. When he is not traveling, cheering from the stands or entertaining, he can always be found spending time with his grandson.



So next time you find that you're in need of TSAC's assistance, remember that it just may be Robert on the other end of the line willing to lend an ear and a helping hand.

Comments from Robert:

"Working with TSAC to help prospective students achieve their dreams of getting an education has been very fulfilling. It has given me the opportunity to encourage many young adults and their parents to apply for the many benefits available to help finance their education as well as the opportunity to build relationships with financial aid administrators across the state of Tennessee."

The Amended Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Rules Approved (Continued)

... Tennessee resident attending an out-of-state institution does not negatively impact his or her return to the state as a transfer student.

To access the code relevant to the TELS Program in the Tennessee Code Annotated, click on <http://michie.lexisnexis.com/tennessee/lpext.dll>

[?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm&cp=](#), then click on each successive folder: Tennessee Code; Title 49 Education; Chapter 4 Financial Aid; Part 9 – State Lottery Proceeds; and select the appropriate statute(s). These links will also be available on www.CollegePaysTn.com.

Thanks & Kudos

My son Jason is completing his 7th semester this fall and will graduate with his first major. He will be returning for his 8th semester in the spring to complete his second major.

Jason is the last of four children to attend a Tennessee University. He was our only child to be eligible for the Hope scholarship due to the date it was implemented. As you can imagine the Hope and the Ned McWherter scholarships have been very helpful to our family.

Please thank everyone in your organization for the work they do to make these grants possible. Their work helps provide productive citizens to our society.

UPCOMING EVENTS & CONFERENCES

- 01/08/08 - 01/09/08
NCHELP Leadership Conference
Sarasota, FL
- 01/24/08
TASFAA Executive Board Meeting
Franklin, TN
- 02/17/08 - 02/20/08
SASFAA Conference
Arlington, VA
- 03/20/08
TSAC Board of Directors Meeting
Nashville, TN
- 03/30/08 - 04/02/08
TASFAA Spring Conference
Memphis, TN
- 06/18/08 - 06/20/08
MASFAA Annual Conference
Biloxi, MS

TSAC Participates in National Training Event

TSAC has been asked to assist with a new national initiative called NT4CM (national training for counselors and mentors). This is a national training initiative for high school counselors to assist their students who are preparing to attend college. TSAC, in conjunction with TASFAA, NASFAA, NCHelp and FSA

have all participated in some fashion to bring this training initiative to fruition. We have scheduled 12 events across the state beginning November 26 and concluding on December 14. Each participant will receive over 6 hours of training. TASFAA trainers and TASFAA schools were selected to assist with training and venues. We

thank all of them for their time assisting with this initiative. In our next newsletter, we will list out the trainers, locales and an update on the success of this program. TSAC looks forward to providing this and other training as we strive to provide even more opportunity for access and affordability across the State of Tennessee.